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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PROCESSING CONDITIONAL JUMP  
INSTRUCTIONS IN A PROCESSOR WITH PIPELINED ARCHITECTURE

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**AMENDMENT B**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated September 30, 2005, for which a shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire on December 30, 2005. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.